

Council Work Session Minutes
Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel-Boone Building

Council Members present: Mayor Hindman, Janku, Crayton, Hutton, Ash, Nauser and Loveless.

City Manager Ray Beck and various other city staff members were also present.

Announcements:

Sue Buske, cable consultant, would like to schedule a time to update the Council on the franchise renewal process among other things.

The City Manager reviewed several possible work session dates. Council set aside Wednesday, June 22 and Monday, June 27 as work session dates.

The City Manager asked Council if it was okay to proceed with LEAD certification for the Wabash Station – \$38,000. It was the concurrence of the Council to do so.

The City Manager reminded Council of the Stephens Lake Park Dedication on Sunday, June 26, ribbon cutting ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

The City Manager reviewed possible pre-Council topics for Monday, June 6th. Possible topics include 763 update, WW issues, and any other items the Council might wish to discuss.

The City Manager stated that he is reviewing the Health Adventure Center Museum progress and whether or not a general government financial contribution should be made.

Potential Ballot Issue Alternatives

The City Manager indicated that staff has been reviewing/updating information following the Council discussion at the retreat. The City Manager indicated that one issue is the possible ballot issue language/structure. For example, do we want to place months versus 10-year on the ballot. Council/staff discussed the pros/cons of doing so.

Councilman Janku reviewed the history of previous ballot issue language beginning with the 1991 ballot issue wherein the issues were lumped together in one vote through the 1999 ballot issue wherein the issues were listed and voted on separately. The City Manager reviewed a fact sheet which was circulated to the voters during a previous ballot issue.

The City Manager forwarded to Council a revised memo from the Fire Chief outlining the 10 Year Plan Reduction. The City Manager summarized the changes in the plan and noted that he and the Finance Director had not had an opportunity to carefully review the information. The City Manager asked how much does the Council want staff to look toward adding two fire stations. He indicated this could be discussed more later.

The City Manager reviewed potential November ballot issue alternatives (shown on the overhead). He pointed out that the excise tax is not shown as an alternative, but it could be considered. It was uncertain as to the Council consensus of this issue following Council discussion at the retreat.

The City Manager reviewed the annual needs/amounts as shown on the overhead. He indicated that the Council will want to review these amounts and the list of priority sidewalks submitted by the School District.

The City Manager reviewed the public safety and Parks/Rec items shown on the overhead. He reminded the Council that the P/R tax expires on March 31.

The Council reviewed sources and possible scenarios for capital improvements for Parks/Rec including the possibility of making additional funds available for general fund operations, such as opening a new fire station without further tax increases.

The Council discussed the strengths and weaknesses of an excise tax. The Council requested additional information for remodeling existing space and the dollar impact. They asked for information on the when a development fee is charged – remodel existing space with no increase in square footage – does development fee apply?

Council discussed language for “annual” needs and suggested the wording be changed. Council discussed the inflation/contingency amount which is listed as a separate item. They discussed the possibility of including the amount in the cost of the project as opposed to a separate item.

The City Manager placed the revised street list dated June 1, 2005 on the overhead. Council reviewed the list and made a few changes. The following changes were made: Map #2 Bearfield Road; Nifong to **Clear Creek** and Map #16 Scott blvd – Vawter School Rd to **MKT**. Those items listed at Council priority 2- and 3 were removed from the list.

Bill Watkins, Assistant City Manager, handed out potential projects and costs – existing Columbia Sidewalk Plan (1997) and Columbia school district priorities (May 2005). Council will need to review the list.

The next item discussed was the P/R ballot proposal to extend the 1/8 cent park sales tax for capital improvements. Mike Hood, Parks/Rec Director, reviewed the five-year versus 10-year proposal and the project list. Council requested staff develop a trail project list for Council review.

Mr. Hood reviewed options for New Facility Development (shown on the overhead). Council raised concern on \$3.8M for South Regional Park acquisition. Hood reviewed two options for Farmer’s Market/multi-use building. He indicated that both options are preliminary plans.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.